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SUBJ : HEZY IDOWU

REF : A. STATE 169989 B. LAGOS 5998

C. LAGOS 6001 D. LAGOS A-101

1. WE ALSO CONFUSED. REFS. B AND C WERE INTENDED TO ALERT CU/AF TO POST'S PREFERENCE TO NOMINATE IDOWU FOR INDIANA PROJECT. IN AOSENCE OF REPLY, WE ASSUMED DEPT. HAD NO OBJECTION. AND WERE SURPRISD BY REFTEL A. JUDGEMENT WHICH IN RESPONSE REF. D.

2. AT NO TIME HAVE WE MENTIONED IDOWU FOR STANFORD PROGRAM. POST CONTINUES TO BELIEVE INDIANA PROJECT BEST. IT WOULD PROVIDE EXPOSURE AMERICAN JOURNALISTIC METHODS WHICH HE WANTS AND METS POST PRIMARY OBJECTIVES FOR THIS GRANTEE. A-4841 (JULY 13, 1974);, LATEST INFORMATION ON STANFORD PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO US, STATES IT DESIGNED IMPROVE PARTICIPANT'S "PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE.. IN ANY DISCIPLINE--EXCEPT JOURNALISM.."CU SHOULD NOTE THAT IDOWU HAS DOCTORATE IN HISTORY. ALSO STRONGLY DOUBT IDOWU COULD ACCEPT FIVE-MONTH PROJECT BUT UNABLE CONFIRM THIS SINCE HE CURRENTLY IN USSR.

3. GIVEN DEPARTMENT'S LACK OF RESPONSE TO REFSM B. AND C., POST ASSUMED IDOWU'S PARTICIPATION INDIANA PROJECT POSSIBLE AND POST CONTINUES REQUEST THAT HE BE MADE ELIGIBLE THAT PROJECT. BOTH IDOWU AND TIMES PUBLISHER JOSE MOST ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT INDIANA PROJECT, ALTHOUGH WE MADE NO RPT NO COMMITMENT TO THEM. A STATED IN REF.D., JOSE GREAT ADMIRER OF PROF. ARPAN (FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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PREVIOUS STAG VISITS) AND STRONGLY PREFERS INDIANA PROJECT

EXPERIENCE FOR HIS EDITOR.

4. HOPE FOREGOING HAS CLEARED CONFUSION BY CONFIRMING POST'S
STRONG PREFERENCE IN MATTER.

5. WISH ALSO TO GIVE IDOWU FALLOUT GRANT TO ALTERNATE AOOABA,
AS REQUESTED REF.B.

6. ADVISE.
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